IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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SPUTTER TARGET TO A BACKING PLATE AND THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF Docket No. 21256

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action issued February 25, 2010. The Examiner set a three-month period making this Reply and Amendment due on or before May 25, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

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